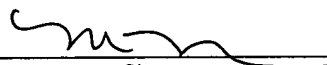


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REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

A Notice of Abandonment of the above-referenced patent application was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 28, 2006. The Notice indicates that the subject application is abandoned in view of Applicants' failure to respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 9, 2006. Applicants are responding herewith in accordance with MPEP 711.03.

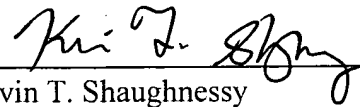
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For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the complete response, as filed, is enclosed in the event that the originally filed documents cannot be located.

Applicants' Attorney submits that the Notice was issued in error, and hereby requests that a Withdrawal of Abandonment be issued and the instant application be returned to pending status.

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